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Aas is a professor in Occupational Health at the University of Stavanger and Oslo Metropolitan University, and the founder of Presenter- Making Sense of Science.

She have during many years, by her research and service innovation activities tried to contribute to reduce participation restrictions at work, but also during the transition from school to work. She believe that research-based knowledge might contribute to make it possible for more persons to participate in school and work. Her interests in Knowledge Translation and implementation of science into society made her found the organization Presenter in 2013, with the slogan Making Sense of Science. Presenter is today a social entrepreneurship located at Stavanger Innovation Park.

Aas is the manager of the research group Participation in School and Work at Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Stavanger. Together with colleagues, she is mostly doing intervention research, by applying method triangulation. Aas is an empirist and believe that we need more exploratory research close to practices and workplaces. She think this is important to understand more of complex phenomena, such as work and health is.

Her PhD- thesis, which she defended at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm targeted prevention of sick leave, and the promotion of return to work with a foci of workplace efforts and interventions. Later, she have been able to do research covering all three-intervention arenas for sick-listed employees: the workplace, the social insurance, and the health care. Her background as an Occupational Therapist have made her aware of the impact environmental factors and work itself have on health and coping.

Aas was earlier a visiting professor at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), and the Research Director for the Department of Occupational Health at the International Research Institute of Stavanger.

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